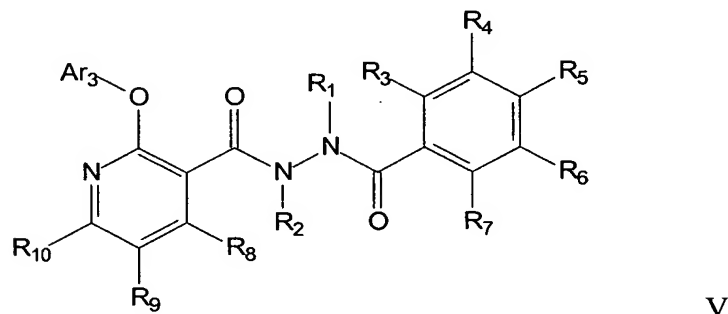


Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1: (previously amended) A compound having the formula V:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Ar₃ is optionally substituted aryl;

R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl;

R₃-R₁₀ are independently hydrogen, halo, haloalkyl, aryl, fused aryl, carbocyclic, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, carbocycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, sulfonyl, phosphonyl, acyloxy, azido, alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, haloalkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido or alkylthiol;

with the proviso that when Ar₃ is unsubstituted phenyl then each of R₃-R₇ is other than NH₂, NHCH₃, NO₂, halo or CF₃ and at least one of R₃-R₇ is other than hydrogen;

wherein the alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl and alkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, hydroxy, carboxyl, amino, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆ acylamino, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio,

C₆-C₁₀ aryl, C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkenyl and C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkynyl groups; and

wherein the aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl and aralkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, C₆-C₁₀ aryloxy, C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkenyl-, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkynyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, ureido, cyano, C₁-C₆ acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, azido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy and carboxy groups.

Claim 2: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

Claim 3: (canceled).

Claim 4: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted aryl.

Claim 5: (previously presented) The compound of claim 4, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claims 6 and 7: (canceled)

Claim 8: (previously amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-
benzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 9-11: (canceled).

Claim 12: (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound of claim 1-~~or 11~~, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 13-79 (canceled)

Claim 80: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

Claim 81: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein at least one of R₃-R₇ is other than hydrogen.

Claim 82: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claim 83: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-
benzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.